

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes. We are referring to the environment of the...not to the objectionability...or not to the donation itself. So if the family or the person is traumatized, or if there is...or age or some other factor that would enter into that decision, that is what we are...the intent behind C, not the objectionability of the donation itself.

SENATOR CONWAY: Okay, so it is clear then that we are talking about, under the area of objectionable, that we are not necessarily saying that the person needs to know whether the donation itself is objectionable, but the trauma or whatever else, some other reason that that person may use some subjective decision-making to say it is not right to ask them at this time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: That is correct.

SENATOR CONWAY: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford on the bill.

SENATOR ASHFORD: On the bill, Mr. Speaker, briefly, I am supportive of the bill, obviously. I've co-signed it, and I am also supportive of Senator Chambers' amendments. I believe that Senator Chambers is drafting another amendment which I think is a very good one which deals with the requirement that part of the protocol include training, or the requirement of training. I think that is also a good idea. I'll say that not knowing exactly what the amendment says. But I believe that that also is a good idea. My reason for getting involved in this legislation arises out of a meeting that I had with a constituent who had two kidney transplants, her last transplant from her brother, and going through a long discussion with her about the difficulty, first, in her own case of obtaining a kidney for herself, but also to many other friends that she met while in the...friends who were also waiting to receive a kidney donation. In fact two of her friends died as a result of not being able to obtain a kidney transplant. So that was my...the basic reason why I became involved in this legislation. I consider it, without question, a preservation of life issue. I am also sensitive to the issues raised by Senator Chambers. And I think he has done an excellent job in bringing out some of those issues. I support what he has done to the bill. We are, remember here, only establishing a protocol which the hospital or the health care provider, the doctor, must adhere to. I think that we have struck here, in the bill, a very fine balance